Local Work Group development of local EQIP

SHERBURNE District FY03 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

   SURFACE WATER: Ag. Fertilizer Application, Livestock, Lack of Buffers, Habitat, Forest Mgt., Sedimentation, Pesticides, Wetland Restorations, Manure Application.

   GROUND WATER: Nitrate Contamination, Irrigation Mgt, Unsealed Abandoned Wells, Ag. Fertilizer Application, Pesticides.

   LOCAL CONCERNS NOT ADDRESSED BY EQIP: Septic System Upgrades, Center Pivot Irrigation Re-nozzle to Low Pressure Systems.

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

   Filter Strips and Riparian Forest Buffers along Surface Waters of the Elk River Watershed.

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	H	3
A2 Gully Control	L	1
B1 Water Resource	H	3
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	M	2
C Habitat Improvement	M	2
D Air Quality	L	1
E Impaired Water	L	1
F Distance	H	3
G Grazing System	L	1
H Forest Mgt.	M	2
I Additional Local*	H	3

   * If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.

THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES WILL BE RECEIVE POINTS UNDER FACTOR I: Wetland Restoration, Filter Strips and Riparian Forest Buffers in the Elk River Watershed, Abandoned Well Sealing and Manure/Wastewater Runoff to Surface Water.

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.

   Base worksheet scores will not change. Factors will be weighted as described in item 3. Additional points will be awarded under factor I as recommended by LWG

5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

   No Changes to the Docket.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 03 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Chair, Local Work Group   Date